
MEETING	STRENSALL WARD COMMITTEE
DATE	1 FEBRUARY 2012
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS DOUGHTY AND WISEMAN

1. MAIN MEETING, 7.30PM - WELCOME

Cllr Sian Wiseman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

2. DROP-IN SURGERY

Cllr Sian Wiseman
Cllr Paul Doughty
PCSO Dave Ellison
Penny Goff, York Teaching Hospital NHS Trust
Louise King, Yorkshire Water
Ruth Stephenson, Head of CYC Sustainable Transport Service
Iain Dunn, Street Environment Officer
Mora Scaife, Neighbourhood Manager
Ted Schofield, Neighbourhood Support Officer

The above all attended the surgery to discuss local issues with members of the public.

3. YORKSHIRE WATER

Louise King spoke about the Private Sewer Transfer, the transfer of private sewers and lateral drains to ownership of Yorkshire Water.

The following points were made:

On 1 October 2011 the transfer took place. Campaigns had been going on for many years and this was welcomed by many whose sewers ran outside their own property, sometimes under public roads, and could be extremely expensive to repair. This move is seen to be fairer to all.

Sewers under unadopted roads have also been transferred to Yorkshire Water ownership.

Response was given that private bodies could still install sewers in public roads as long as these were done to the appropriate standards, and these would probably then be adopted by Yorkshire Water.

4. SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM

PCSO Dave Ellison spoke about police issues in the ward.

The following points were made:

Crime figures have been very low in the last quarter, with no drugs offences, no fraud, no car theft or theft from cars, and only one burglary. There were six thefts (mostly cycles), four incidents of criminal damage and thirteen violent incidents recorded.

Stockton on the Forest has been targeted by criminals in the past, so the public should be vigilant.

Operation Bike Light, issuing penalty notices to those without lights, is continuing.

Farm Watch and Rural Watch are being promoted, along with an increase in Neighbourhood Watch, which is strong in Earswick but needs building in Stockton on the Forest and Strensall.

PCSO Dave Ellison has spoken to pupils in Year 3 at Robert Wilkinson School.

To contact PCSO Dave Ellison, the public should ring the new police non-emergency number, 101, and leave a message, or email him on david.ellison@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk.

5. RUTH STEPHENSON, HEAD OF SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT SERVICE

Ruth Stephenson gave a presentation concerning the overall transport situation in York.

The following priorities for transport policy in York were identified:

- Expanding Park & Ride services
- Improving local bus services
- Developing York's cycling and pedestrian network
- Improving city centre circulation
- Establishing 20mph speed limits in York's residential areas
- Campaigning to encourage less reliance on the car

The following questions were asked;

Will there be improvements to the Northern Ring Road?

The response was given that Transport Services would like to carry out improvements but funds are limited. The A19 roundabout has been improved and the A59 roundabout is due to be improved.

The Park and Ride Service now costs 50p to OAPs. Why is this?

The response was given that this is due to the council withdrawing its subsidy.

Could the 20mph speed limit result in even poorer air quality?

Response was given that this is unknown at present, but the Environmental Protection Unit would be asked to look into the question.

Will there be a cycle crossing at the ring road to enable cyclists from Strensall to reach the city centre safely? There is a cycle crossing planned at the A59, but there are more residents who live outside the ring road in Strensall than in the vicinity of the A59.

Response was given that though desirable, there were no plans to create this at present. There is funding available for the crossing at the A59.

Cllr Wiseman pointed out that all school children in Strensall at senior school have to cross the ring road, and as there is no cycle crossing, are generally taken by car.

Would it be possible for the train from Scarborough to York to stop at Strensall?

Response was given that there had been a project to look at additional rail halts. Haxby had looked more promising than Strensall, but there was not enough demand to make a service viable.

6. STREET ENVIRONMENT OFFICER

Street Environment Officer Iain Dunn spoke about recent issues in the ward.

The following points were made:

With reference to drainage, the Street Environment Officer will clear gullies when necessary.

The Keep Britain Tidy project “Love Where You Live” is ongoing. This campaign aims to create groups of people picking up litter and tackling overgrown hedges or other eyesores. The Street Environment Officer and his team will provide equipment, binbags and expertise, and will get rid of any rubbish collected.

The Street Environment team welcome offers to organise litterpicking events.

The following questions were asked:

What do we do about dog fouling?

Response was given that the Street Environment Officer will refer incidents of dog-fouling to the dog warden, and will actively pursue owners of dogs who break the law if they know their identity.

Who clears up the rubbish on pavements?

Response was given that barrowmen picked up litter, but these had reduced in number. The Street Environment team will come and pick up waste if contacted by email (iain.dunn@york.gov.uk) or phone (01904 551551) The Street Environment Officer can also arrange for a Community Payback team to clear waste.

Can green algae and moss be cleaned off pavements?

Response was given that they could.

7. LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

Cllr Sian Wiseman spoke about the progress of Local Improvement Schemes.

The following points were made:

Most schemes had been completed.

With reference to the feasibility study for a pedestrian crossing on Sherriff Hutton Road, dropped kerbs had been installed.

The vehicle activated speeding sign in Stockton on the Forest will be installed in March.

Salt bins have been well-funded. If Parish Councils would like a list of their locations, contact the Neighbourhood Management Unit.

A request was made by a member of the public for the white lettering SLOW to be replaced on the bridge.

Response was given that this would be followed up.

8. HAVE YOUR SAY

There were no contributions to Have Your Say.

[The meeting started at 7.00 pm and finished at 9.00 pm].